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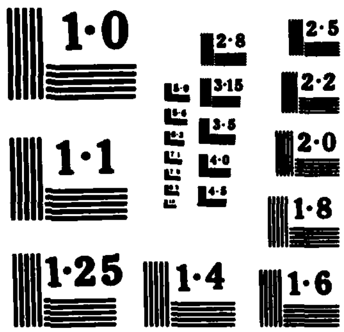
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The work of the PI during the years covered by the grant has always emphasized *discrete-time nonlinear* system theory as well as algebraic methods in the analysis of *generalized* classes of *linear* systems.

A *system* as understood in this general area of research, is a precise mathematical object which models a controlled and observed dynamic process. The central concept in this model is the *state* of the system, represented by a suitable set of parameters. For instance, the state of a rigid body is specified by the position and (linear) momentum of its center of mass (6 parameters), together with its attitude and angular momentum (6 more parameters). An important observation in this example is that the natural way to represent the attitude is by means of three positively oriented mutually perpendicular vectors -in technical jargon, an element of the Special Orthogonal Group. This is an instance of a more general situation: states take values on suitable mathematical spaces -differentiable manifolds, algebraic varieties, or just linear spaces,- whose structure and properties reflect the various constraints on parameters. For a related example, a robotic manipulator is modeled in an analogous fashion, with more complicated constraints due to the interactions between links and to obstacles in the workspace.

System dynamics are usually represented by difference or by differential equations. These equations contain forcing terms, *inputs* or *controls*, with a great number of problems in system theory having to do with the appropiate choice of controls in order to achieve desired objectives: bring a rigid body -e.g. a satellite- to a proper position and attitude through the firing of appropiate jets, control a manipulator by applying torques at each joint, and so on. An *observation* or *measurement* function is often explicitely associated to the system model, representing the information pattern available to the controller.

Most physical dynamics are modeled by differential equations, so system theory has traditionally concentrated on such *continuous-time* systems. In modern digital control, however, physical systems interact with discrete devices. It then becomes natural to focous attention on behavior at appropiate sampling times, and this gives rise to discrete-time systems, modeled by difference equations. When only small perturbations from equilibrium are involved, -stabilizing a satellite moving very slowly, for instance,- the study of "linear" systems, i.e., the theory based on first-order approximations of dynamics and observations, has proved extraordinarily successful -viz. the "Kalman filter" and other widely applied results. In that context, very few conceptual differences arise between the

continuous and discrete cases. (Technically, this is due to the many shared linear-algebraic properties of differential and difference operators.)

When dealing with more global phenomena, like moving a robot arm from a given configuration into a totally different one, one cannot rely solely on linear methods, and the development of a truly nonlinear theory becomes essential. For various technical reasons, the studies of continuous and discrete nonlinear systems diverge considerably. In contrast to the linear case, then, the development of a methodology for sampled nonlinear systems does not follow from that for the continuous case. Much of the PI's work during the past few years hs concentrated on the development of such a methodology. Among past accomplishments one may mention: the development of a synthesis theory for input/output behaviors with polynomial nonlinearities, (which resulted in a Springer Lecture Notes volume,) more recent work under this grant on discontinuous (*piecewise linear*) control, general results on regulation with partial information, and the construction of energy-like ("Lyapunov") functions to characterize controllability. These results have given rise to various publications during the past few years, -see* [3,17,5,6,10-12,16,28]- as well as to further research by other authors. On the practical side, a large current research effort on the modeling of nuclear reactors, carried out by engineers at Electricite de France, as well as a recent Chemical Engineering dissertation at Princeton, also concerned with reactor modeling, are both based largely on the PI's results on nonlinear discrete time systems. Present research in this general area has started to shift into questions of computation; the hope being that eventually an approach based on piecewise linear approximations will be feasible for computer-aided control design; the papers [3] and [26] point in this direction.

During the past two years, we have started research into the problem of *sampling* a continuous system, namely, to decide what objectives can be achieved, at least in principle, with digital control, if they are known to be obtainable with analogue controllers. It is "folk knowledge", for instance, that certain robotic manipulators "should" be sampled at no less than 60 Hz or so, in order to avoid interactions with natural modes of the system. But this intuition is based on a linearized analysis, and may well be too conservative -or even totally inappropriate- for a particular (global) control task. We have obtained a large number of results insuring that certain properties like controllablity are preserved under sampling under high enough rates, provided that the parameter space satisfies certain easily checked

*Numbers refer to enclosed list of publications under this grant

topological constraints (technically, a condition on its first homotopy group). Both robotics and satellite control problems can be seen to satisfy the above topological hypothesis, for example, but something like the "60 Hz" rule mentioned earlier cannot as yet be formulated as a consequence of the general results. The PI's current research in this area is in the direction of more explicit formulas for the actual sampling frequencies needed. Mathematically, the tools needed have been borrowed mainly from differential and algebraic geometry, Lie Groups (rotating rigid body examples), elementary logic (piecewise linear systems), and optimization theory. See [13,15,20].

Other recent discrete-time nonlinear research supported by this grant is that of finite computations in the field of stochastic estimation. Given a time series, it is often possible to compute *sufficient statistics* of the associated process, estimators which serve to predict future samples of the series. This is closely related to issues of nonlinear filtering -estimating the state of a partially observed process.- and identification -obtaining a model to account for the physical system generating the observed process. The question of computing and dynamically updating sufficient statistics with finite resources had received almost no attention in the literature, and turns out to be technically related to the previous work on discrete systems by the PI. Since late 1982 we have collaborated in this area with Bradley Dickinson from the EE dept. at Princeton. As a result, we obtained characterizations of the complexity of updating equations for some important classes of processes; see [18,25].

Other areas of recent nonlinear research have dealt with questions of nonlinear observability, with feedback transformations that simplify models of dynamical systems, and with the development of small-control results. These have resulted in a number of papers recently submitted or in preparation. See [14,24,29].

Finally, we have devoted a certain amount of effort to the study of *generalized linear* systems. These are classes of models for which the basic dynamics are still *linear*, but which do not fit into standard models by difference or differential equations. One of these is that of *delay-differential* systems, which arise when transmission delays cannot be ignored. Another class of models concerns *families of systems*, which serve to study simultaneously a set of linear systems parametrized in some way; typically, one deals with the set of first-order approximations to a nonlinear system around different operating points, or with systems with parameters which are unknown to the syetem designer. Past results published under this grant had a major influence on a major theoretical advance a few months ago, the proof by a group at the University of Florida (E.Kamen at al.) of the

sufficiency fo finite dimensional controllers for stabilizing delay systems, a result that is bound to have major practical implications, given the widespread use of such systems. (The methods are based in part on the inversion of a properly chosen polynomial matrix, which originated with the work of the PI with M.Hautus in [2].) Related results by the PI on families of systems have been incorporated into an approach to adaptive control recently introduced by E.Emre. More recent work by the PI dealt with the stabilization of families of linear systems using polynomially parametrized feedback; these methods can be useful in reducing the amount of on-line computation needed in the above adaptive control scheme. It should be pointed out that adaptive control techniques are currently being explored in a variety of industrial applications; it is very likely that some of this algebraic work will find its way into such practical applications in the near future. See [1,2,4,7,8,19,23] for publications in this area.

Applications, like those mentioned at various points above, are encouraged by the PI through publications as well as discussions and presentations at conferences, universities, and industrial laboratories. For instance, the French (and Princeton) work on reactor modeling arose in this way. The research by the PI, however, is and will continue to be directed towards a basic mathematical understanding of the system-theoretic questions involved.

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